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Last Dying Speech and Confession, Life, Character, and Behaviour,

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HENRY MORGAN,

Who was Executed this Morning on a Scaffold in the
Front of Newgate.



HENRY MORGAN was of a Welch extraction: he came up while he was but a youth, to London, and getting into bad company, soon became an adept in evil ways. In St. Giles's, and Chick-lane, he was early known, and acknowledged among the worst members of society, and had absolutely suffered the law for felony, before he became a party in the murder, for which he has justly forfeited his life to the inexorable demand of justice.

In the month of July last, he together with one Nixon, and another of his companions went out with an intention of picking up what they could find, and making depredations on his Majesty's peaceable subjects, as was their usual custom. It seems that meeting with little success in their way, the latter of these, happily for himself, soon quitted their company; but Morgan and Nixon proceeded, till they met with Mr. Linton, whom they robbed of his money; but while he was struggling for his watch, Morgan turned back, and stabbed him. The two murderers then trusted to their speed for safety in flight. Mr. Linton pursued them a little way with the cry of murder; but fainting with the loss of blood, both escaped for that time. However they were afterwards taken,

and brought before a Justice of the Peace, and committed to take their trial, Nixon escaped out of prison; while Morgan (by his own confession the principal actor in this bloody business) remained to answer at the peril of his life, for the inhuman act he had perpetrated in violation of all laws human and divine.

After a fair trial, he was convicted by an impartial jury, and this day suffered the punishment due to the atrocious crime of murder.

Early in the morning, he was brought out of Newgate, the Ordinary attending, with whom Morgan being very penitent, for some time joined in earnest prayer, having been convinced during the time of his confinement, of the heinousness of the offence which he had committed.

The period usually allowed being expired, he gave a paper into the hands of the Sheriff, to be delivered to one present, after which he was launched into eternity, calling on the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit.

The day before his execution he sent the following letter to one of his friends and companions.

"DEAR WILL,

"**T**HIS is the last trouble you will have from me—We have been old acquaintance; and, by our behaviour to each other, may be called friends—but all things have an end; the dearest friends must part. We both have done what we ought not to have done; but for my part, I have been tempted by the devil to commit that worst of crimes, Murder, for which on Monday next I shall certainly suffer.—As you have some knowledge of my aunt, comfort her as well as you can.—Tell Sukey that Mrs. P—— has a ring and another small remembrance for her—Warn others to beware of meeting my fate, and endeavour to turn your mind to some honest calling, lest you should prove as unhappy as your friend

H. MORGAN.